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A special meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters to take testimony regarding the proposed WAC 491-03 was convened at 9:02 A.M. in the general meeting room at Chelan Co. FPD #1 by Chair Ron Ayres, Board Member Ken Boad, Board Member Jay Hughes, Board Member Mark Watenpaugh, Board Member Martin Spani, Assistant Attorney General Kyle Crews, Executive Secretary Brigitte Smith in attendance. In addition, the following people were signed (or present) in as guests:

Mick Lamar, Chelan Co. FPD #9  
Rodney Fountain, Chelan Co. FPD #9  
R. Allen Walker, Yakima Co. FPD #5  
Dale E. Jordan, Douglas Co. FPD #1  
Jerry Davis, Yakima Co. FPD #4  
Randy Johnson, Chelan Co. FPD #1  
Kelly O'Brien, Chelan Co. FPD #3  
Dennis Ashmore, Chelan Co. FPD #7  
Arnold Baker, Chelan Co. FPD #5  
Tom Pinger, Douglas Co. FPD #5  
Juanita Pinger, Douglas Co. FPD #5  
TJ Nedrow, Washington State Firefighter's Association  
Ron Roy, Washington State Firefighter's Association  
Kathy Armalar, Chelan Co. FPD #1  
Brian VanCamp, Thurston Co. FPD #8  
Representative Mike Armstrong, 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

The Board opened the meeting by asking for any comments from the guests regarding the proposed WAC 491-03. Chair Ayres explained that the hearing was being recorded and asked that everyone speak clearly and state their names, departments they represented, and whether they were in favor of or opposed to the proposed WAC.

Of the people that spoke, many were concerned that administrative personnel could not be covered and asked that the Board look into the possibility of expanding the definition of firefighter to cover all fire department personnel.

There was a request to change the wording in 491-03-020(2)(a) from "extinguishing fires" to "emergency response" or to define "extinguishing fires".

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There was a request that the Board survey departments to see how many more people would participate in the system if it were expanded to include administrative personnel.

Representative Armstrong stated that he appreciated the Board's efforts and asked that the Board make the definition as broad as possible to help the fire service. He stated that he respected the Board and had worked with Secretary Smith in the past and that he viewed her as a great advocate for the volunteer firefighters.

After all comments were heard, there was a motion by Spani, seconded by Boad, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 A.M.

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